NIH Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA)
Status Sheet – June 2006

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Description:

In October 2005, the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) launched the Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSAs) program on behalf of the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research. The purpose is to create a definable academic home for the discipline of clinical and translational science. This program will encourage the development of novel methods and approaches to clinical and translational research, enhance informatics and technology resources, and improve training and mentoring to ensure that new investigators can navigate the increasingly complex research system.

Budget:

NIH plans to award from four to seven CTSAs in FY 2006 for a total of $30 million, with an additional $11.5 million allocated to support 50 planning grants for those institutions that are not ready to make a full application. NIH expects to increase the number of awards annually so that by 2012, 60 CTSAs will receive a total of approximately $500 million per year.

Timeline:

Initial CTSA and Planning Grant RFAs:

RFA Release Date	October 12, 2005
Letters of Intent Receipt Date	February 27, 2006
Application Receipt Date	March 27, 2006
Peer Review Dates	July 11-12, 2006; July 20-21, 2006; July 25-26, 2006 (planning grants)
Council Review Date	September 21, 2006
Award Start Date	September 30, 2006
Principal Investigator Meeting	October 2006

Next CTSA RFA release:

Announcement: Intent to Reissue RFA	May 10, 2006
Expected Publication Date	Mid August 2006
CTSA Pre-submission Videocast	October 5, 2006
Application Receipt Date	January 17, 2007

Trans-NIH Coordination of the CTSA Initiative:

CTSA Project Team
The CTSA program will offer new opportunities for researchers funded by the NIH categorical Institutes and Centers (ICs) to conduct clinical and translational science at academic institutions across the country. Therefore, to ensure that the trans-NIH objectives of the CTSA initiative are achieved, an NIH CTSA Project Team has been organized that includes representatives from 18 of the 27 ICs and from senior NIH leadership. Dr. Anthony Hayward (NCRR) and Dr. Mike Kurilla (NIAID) co-chair this team and keep the NIH community informed of relevant CTSA activities.

CTSA Project Team Subcommittees
In addition, several trans-NIH subcommittees within the CTSA Project Team have been created to focus on key tasks that will be critical to the success of the CTSA Initiative. These include:

CTSA SubCommittee	Charge	Chair/Co-Chair	Contact	Status
Project Management	Determine NIH oversight of the CTSA program and ensure coordination across CTSAs and their key functions (informatics, training, etc.)	Anthony Hayward, NCRR Linda Weiss, NCI	HaywardA@mail.nih.gov weissl@mail.nih.gov	6/29 Meeting
Resource Access	Create a forum to facilitate access to CTSAs.	Bruce Pihlstrom, NIDCR (pending)	Bruce.pihlstrom@nih.gov	Established 6/12; ongoing dialogue
Evaluation	Formulate CTSA program evaluation and Annual Progress Report processes.	Lori Mulligan, NCRR Co-Chair (pending)	mulligal@mail.nih.gov	Met on 6/13/06; Will meet every 3 weeks
Education and Career Development	Oversee development and implementation of education and career development to further discipline of clinical and translational research.	David Wilde, NCRR Carol Shreffler, NIEHS	wilde@mail.nih.gov shreffl1@mail.nih.gov	Established 6/26
Biomedical Informatics	Promote common vocabularies, interoperability across CTSAs.			
Pediatrics	Ensure transition of pediatric research into CTSA environment.			
Industrial Partners	Study effective commercial partnerships for wider application.	**Under Development**		
Clinical Research Ethics	Integrate current T15 activities into CTSA environment.			
Community Engagement	Relate CTSA accomplishments with community practice.			
Translational	Promote use of CTSA resources for translational research.			

This is the first edition of the CTSA Status Sheet. Document will be updated quarterly. Last updated: 07/11/2006.

Additional information:

- CTSA Web site
  http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/clinicaldiscipline.asp
- CTSA Fact Sheet
  http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/clinicaldiscipline/CTSA_FactSheet_2005.pdf
- CTSA feature in the NCRR Reporter, Winter edition
  http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/newspub/Winter06rpt/Winter06mss.asp
- Article on Clinical and Translational Science in the New England Journal of Medicine
  http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/full/353/15/1621

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